

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

Registration & Stamps – Certain amendments to the Registration Rules 63 to 69 of AP Rules under the Registration Act, 1908 for Electronic Thumb Impression Register of Registration Act, 1908 – Orders – Issued.
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REVENUE (REGN.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.621

Dated:27.12.2023
Read the following:-

1. E- file no. REV08-22045/2/2023-GENERAL-IGRS, date 21.11.2023.

ORDER:

In the reference read above, the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh has reported that the thumb impressions of the parties and witnesses were used to be taken in a Register Book as well as on the documents and the thumb impressions were preserved eternally as per the Registration Rules 63 to 69 issued by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The Registration Services are being delivered through an Information Technology (IT) based application CARD 1.0 since 1999. As the earlier application has become cumbersome, the new version CARD 2.0 has been developed and the services are now delivered through the new application in a phased manner. The new application is designed with the latest technological features and e-signatures of the parties and registering officers are appended to the documents by taking biometrics and authenticating through the demographic data being maintained by the UIDAI.

2. The Commissioner and Inspector General (Registration and Stamps), Andhra Pradesh has therefore requested the Government to amend the Rules 63 to 69 of Andhra Pradesh Rules under the Registration Act, 1908 for the purpose of dispensing the obtaining of Thumb Impressions in a register and getting the parties identified by some other unknown persons.
3. Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided to amend the Rules 63 to 69 of Andhra Pradesh Rules under the Registration Act, 1908 for Electronic Thumb Impression Register.
4. The following notification shall be published in an Extraordinary Issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, dated.27.12.2023.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under the Registration Act, 1908 the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby amend the following Rules under the Registration Act, 1908 for Electronic Thumb Impression Register.

AMENDMENT

The following amendments to rules 63 to 69 of Andhra Pradesh Rules under the Registration Act, 1908 :-

Rule No.	Existing Rule	amended as
63	A registering Officer may require any executant, claimant, or identifying or other witness regarding whose identity he has to satisfy himself but who is not personally known to him to affix in his presence, whether such person can write his name or not, the impression of bulb of his left thumb both in the register of thumb impressions maintained in each registration office in the form shown in Appendix-IV as well as on the document presented for registration.	(i) A registering Officer may require any executant, claimant, or identifying or other witness regarding whose identity he has to satisfy himself but who is not personally known to him to affix in his presence. whether such person can write his name or not, the impression of bulb of any of the fingers in the register of impressions maintained electronically in the database of the department in the form shown in Appendix-IV
	(ii) Such impression shall invariably be taken in the case of marksman and illiterate females.	(ii) Such impression shall invariably be taken in the case of marksman and illiterate females.

	(iii) A messenger presenting a document under Rule 25(ii) shall not be required to prove his identify but shall, unless known personally to the Registering Officer, be required to sign and affix his thumb impression to the endorsement of presentation.	(iii) A messenger presenting a document under Rule 25(ii) shall not be required to prove his identify but shall, unless known personally to the Registering Officer, be required to sign and affix his thumb impression to the endorsement of presentation. "Provided that the registering officer may be deemed to have satisfied about the identity of a person, who appears before him/her in relation to registration/attestation of a document presented before him/her and impression of such person shall not be required to be affixed in the electronic impression register, whose identity has been established through biometric authentication, in accordance with any law of State/Union Government for the time being in force."
64	If the left thumb does not give a clear impression or is non-existent, the impression of any finger of the left hand shall be obtained. Failing this the impression of the right thumb, or if that also is non-existent or deformed of any finger of the right hand, shall be taken. In all cases the digit and the hand used shall be specified next to each impression taken on the document, and in cases where a digit other than the left thumb is used the digit from which the impression is taken and the hand shall be specified below the impression in the thumb impression register with a note explaining why the impression of that particular digit was taken.	Omitted
65	Thumb impression shall be dispensed with in the case of a person suffering from leprosy or contagious disease. In such cases note should be entered in the register of thumb impressions explaining the circumstances under which it has not been obtained.	Omitted
66	The signature of every person shall be taken next to his impressions. The Registering Officer himself shall in the case of a marksman write the name against the mark. He shall add below each signature or mark his initials and the date on which the impression is taken.	Omitted
67	The Registering Officer shall add a certificate at the foot of each page of the thumb impression register to the effect that each impression on the page has been affixed in his presence and under his supervision by the person whose name is entered next to it. This Certificate shall be signed and dated by the Registering Officer when the page is closed.	The Registering Officer shall add a certificate electronically at the end of all the impressions relating to a document in the electronic impression register to the effect that each impression has been affixed in his presence and under his supervision by the person whose name is entered next to it. This Certificate shall be signed electronically by the Registering Officer when the document is closed.
68	In the case of a purdahnashin lady who does not appear before a Registering Officer and whose examination in connection with the registration of a document or the attestation of a Power of Attorney is conducted in the office through a hammamnee or mama the finger impression shall be taken by the hammamnee or mama who shall be clearly instructed as to the process. In this case the certificate mentioned in Rule 67 should be altered as shown below. "Each impression on this page excepting of which was taken by a hammamnee or mama under my Instructions, has been affixed in my presence, etc."	Omitted
69	A separate register shall be maintained in each registry office for the thumb impressions obtained in connection with the registration of document at private residences.	

Neither this register nor the ordinary register of thumb impressions shall be taken with him by a Registering Officer when attending at a private residence, but thumb impressions at such residences shall be obtained on separate slips of paper and the slips shall be pasted with the initials and date of the Registering Officer added to them in the appropriate page in the separate impression register. The slip shall contain a certificate in the following form:-

"The impressions on this slip or each impression on this slip was affixed in my presence and under my personal supervision by the person whose name is entered next to it.

In the case of purdahnashin lady who does not appear before the Registering Officer, the words "taken under my instructions from" shall be substituted for the words "affixed in my presence and under my personal supervision by" in this certificate.

Omitted

6. The Commissioner and Inspector General (Registration and Stamps), Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase (Printing Wing) Department, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada. (He is requested to publish the notification and furnish (25) copies to the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada and (25) copies to the Government).

The Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli.

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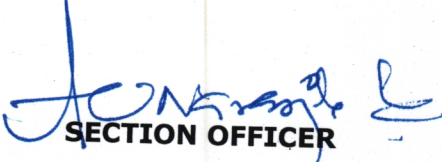
The P.S. to the Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The OSD to Hon'ble Deputy CM, Revenue (R&S).

The OSD to Chief Secretary to the Govt., Revenue Dept.

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